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Ms. Lisa Johnson  
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

This is an interim response to your April 17, 2002, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for: copies of all documents from September 11, 2001, to the present (April 20, 2002 – date of receipt of FOIA) related to the NIST's investigation of Seven World Trade Center – New York, New York 10048; and for documents relied upon by the NIST in performing its investigation. For reference purposes at NIST, your FOIA has been assigned #02-56.

The NIST building and fire safety investigation of the World Trade Center disaster has just formally begun. NIST expects the investigation to take an estimated 24 months. During the course of the investigation, NIST will maintain a website (<http://wtc.nist.gov>) to provide information on its investigation to the public. This website is already up and running and includes the final NIST investigation plan.

To date, we have located the following eight (8) documents, which are enclosed:

- Fahim Sadek *Email* Re: WTC Videos (October 9, 2001)
- Statement of Dr. Arden L. Bement, Jr. before the Committee on Science, House of Representatives, United States Congress (February 26, 2002)
- Statement of Mr. Robert F. Shea before the Committee on Science, House of Representatives, United States Congress (February 26, 2002)
- Hearing Charter: *Learning from 9/11: Understanding the Collapse of the World Trade Center*, Committee on Science, U.S. House of Representatives (March 6, 2002)
- Testimony of Dr. W. Gene Corley before the Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards and Subcommittee on Research (March 6, 2002)
- Exhibit - National Building and Fire Safety Investigation of the World Trade Center Disaster
- Public-Private Response Plan to September 11, 2001 (April 9, 2002)
- Exhibit 13 – Supplemental Increase for FY 2002

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We are continuing our search for additional documents, and anticipate completing this request within the next three weeks. Should you have any questions regarding the documents provided or your request please contact me by telephone at (301) 975-4054, or by email at [sharon.bisco@nist.gov](mailto:sharon.bisco@nist.gov), with any questions.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by  
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Enclosures

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To: jgross@nist.gov  
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Subject: WTC Videos

Dear John:  
Hope that everything is going well with you.

I just received your voice message. Unfortunately, I cannot download any of the video clips from the internet. However, you can see them over the web. Here is a list of sites where you can find them:

- 1) <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/multimedia.day.html>  
shows the first and second hits under "top video"
- 2) <http://www.usatoday.com/graphics/news/gra/gattack/index.htm#videos>  
see 3rd video from bottom
- 3) [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/nation/specials/attacked/index\\_audiovideo.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/nation/specials/attacked/index_audiovideo.html)  
see video clips under "Attack Day Video" on the right.
- 4) <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/national/dayofterror/>  
has a slide show and some video clips.

I could not find any photos for WTC 7, but I will spend some time on the web and if I find something, I will e-mail it to you.

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